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In re patent application

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Serial No.:	08/972,648	:	Examiner:	Richard D. Lovering
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Filed:	November 18, 1997	:		
Title:	TREATED HORTICULTURAL SUBSTRATES			

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated February 3, 1999. Kindly enter the following amendments.

AMENDMENTS**In the Claims:**

Please amend the claims in the below indicated manner.

1. (Twice amended) A coated substrate comprising a horticultural substrate selected from the group consisting of fruits, vegetables, trees, flowers, grasses,